will be redefined in regulations prescribed by the Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to reflect changes in the consumer price index for the immediately preceding 3-year period; and

(b) Regulations of an employing agency may define "minimal value" for its employees to be less than the value provided under this section.

[44 FR 53750, Sept. 17, 1979, as amended at 55 FR 3953, Feb. 6, 1990; 58 FR 46089, Sept. 1, 1993; 61 FR 60034, Nov. 26, 1996; 64 FR 13701, Mar. 22, 1999]

§101-49.001-6 Employing agency.

Employing agency means:

- (a) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives, for Members and employees of the House of Representatives, except that those responsibilities specified in 5 U.S.C. 7342(c)(2)(A), (e)(1), and (g)(2)(B) shall be carried out by the Clerk of the House:
- (b) The Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate, for Senators and employees of the Senate, except that those responsibilities (other than responsibilities involving approval of the employing agency) specified in 5 U.S.C. 7342(c)(2), (d), and (g)(2)(B) shall be carried out by the Secretary of the Senate:
- (c) The Administrative Office of the United States Courts, for judges and judicial branch employees; and
- (d) The department, agency, office, or other entity in which an employee is employed, for other legislative branch employees and for all executive branch employees.

Subpart 101–49.1—General Provisions

§101-49.101 Custody of gifts and decorations.

(a) GSA normally will not take custody of gifts and decorations for which recipients have expressed an interest in purchasing. All such gifts and decorations shall remain in the physical custody and be the responsibility of the employing agency until recipients either purchase or decline to purchase. GSA will accept physical custody of gifts and decorations which recipients

decline to purchase and which are not retained for official use or returned to the donors.

- (b) GSA will direct the disposition of gifts and decorations when reported to GSA by the employing agency by:
 - (1) Transfer to Federal agencies;
- (2) Donation for public display or other approved purposes;
- (3) Sale with the approval of the Secretary of State; or
 - (4) Destruction.

[44 FR 53750, Sept. 17, 1979, as amended at 50 FR 82, Jan. 2, 1985; 53 FR 12767, Apr. 19, 1988]

§101-49.102 Care and handling.

- (a) Each employing agency shall be responsible for the security of gifts and decorations in its custody.
- (b) Each employing agency shall be responsible for and bear the cost of care and handling of gifts and decorations in its custody and for delivery of the gifts and decorations to the physical custody of GSA.

[48 FR 12089, Mar. 23, 1983, as amended at 53 FR 12767, Apr. 19, 1988]

§101-49.103 Information on availability for Federal utilization or do-

GSA will provide information on the availability of gifts and decorations, when reported to GSA, to Federal agencies and appropriate State agencies for surplus property.

§101-49.104 [Reserved]

§101-49.105 Appraisals.

When a recipient indicates an interest in purchasing a gift, the employing agency shall obtain a commercial appraisal before reporting the gift to GSA. The gift is to be reported to GSA on Standard Form (SF), Report of Excess Personal Property, for utilization screening prior to sale to the recipient. The commercial appraisal may be either attached to the SF 120, or completed and furnished separately to GSA after utilization screening is completed.

[53 FR 12767, Apr. 19, 1988]